

REMARKS

Claims 19-34 and 47-50 are pending; claims 23-34 and 47-50 are rejected; and claims 19-22 are allowed in this application. Claims 23, 24 and 47 are cancelled; and claims 25, 26, 32, 33, 34, 48 and 50 are amended hereby.

Further to the Response filed on August 2, 2007, Applicants have amended the application to place the claims in condition for allowance so that the application can proceed to issue. The cancellation of independent claims 23 and 47 is done without prejudice and Applicants continue to hold that the claims are distinguished over the prior art.

Responsive to the rejection of claims 23-34 and 47-50 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,985,073 (Kimura et al.) in view of U.S. Patent No. 2,887,964 (Griner), Applicants have cancelled claims 23, 24 and 47 and amended the remaining dependent claims to depend from allowed claim 19, thereby placing the claims in condition for allowance, which is hereby respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the continued indication that claims 19-22 remain allowed, and in order to place this application in condition for allowance Applicants have cancelled claims 23, 24 and 47 and amended the dependent claims therefrom to dependent from allowed claim 19.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that no combination of the cited references teaches, discloses or suggests the subject matter of the amended claims. The pending claims are therefore in condition for allowance, and Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of all rejections and allowance of the claims.

In the event Applicants have overlooked the need for an extension of time, an additional extension of time, payment of fee, or additional payment of fee, Applicants hereby conditionally

petition therefor and authorizes that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 20-0095,
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Should any question concerning any of the foregoing arise, the Examiner is invited to
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